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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/931,779
	Filing Date	August 17, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Yasuhisa Nakajima
	Art Unit	2616
	Examiner Name	J. J. Vent
	Attorney Docket Number	SONYJP 3.0-203

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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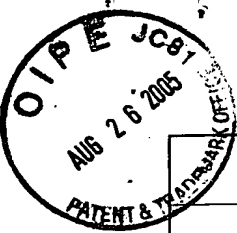
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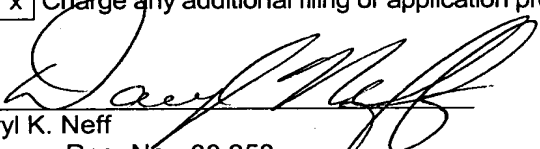
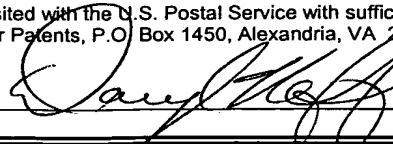
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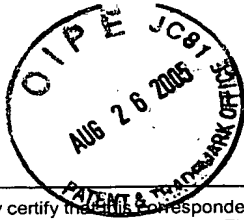
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				Group Art Unit 2616	
Applicant(s): Yasuhisa Nakajima				Docket No. SONYJP 3.0-203	
Invention: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM					
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, finally rejecting claims 21-39, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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